

READING LEADS IN  
FIRM STOCK MARKET

Amalgamated Copper Another Feature of the Trading While Metropolitan Securities Shows the Way for Tractions.

With speculation fairly active the stock market closed strong to-day, the first trading gains of from 1-2 to more than 1 per cent. Reading led the market, the price being pushed up 3-8. It reacted fractionally during the afternoon session and finished with a gain of over 1 point.

The next in line were Amalgamated Copper, Norfolk & Western, Pennsylvania and New York Central, each selling up over 1 per cent, on fairly good purchases. The buying of the latter stock by commission houses was unusually strong. Gains of from 7-8 to 11-4 were scored in St. Paul, Union Pacific, Missouri Pacific, Baltimore & Ohio and Atchafalaya.

Copper was the feature of the industrial, it selling up to 2-3-4 against 2-1-4 the close of yesterday. American Sugar was bid up by a trader, who took 1,000 shares up to the highest, but was shortly afterward offering stock at a slight fractional loss.

Under the lead of Metropolitan Securities, which advanced more than 2 points, the local Tractions closed fractionally higher. The Erie gained almost 1 point each.

Bonds closed fairly active. The total sales of stocks were 773,200 shares and of bonds \$1,352,979.

**The Closing Quotations.**

To-day's highest, lowest and closing prices and net changes from yesterday's closing prices or from last recorded sale are as follows:

Stock	High	Low	Close	Net
Amalg. Copper	22 3/4	22 1/4	22 3/4	+1/4
Am. Sugar	12 1/2	12 1/4	12 1/2	+1/4
Atchafalaya	10 1/4	10 1/8	10 1/4	+1/8
Balt. & O.	10 1/4	10 1/8	10 1/4	+1/8
Ches. & O.	10 1/4	10 1/8	10 1/4	+1/8
Cons. Gas	21 1/2	21 1/4	21 1/2	+1/4
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**WHEAT PRICES LOWER.**

Decline Due to Bearish Cables and Decrease in Chicago.

Wheat started lower to-day, due to bearish cables and depression in the market at Chicago. Corn opened lower, despite frosts over the central belt.

New York's opening prices were: Wheat—May 111-1/2; December, 110-1/2; Corn—December, 56-3/4.

Chicago's opening prices were: Wheat—May 107-1/2; December, 106-1/2; Corn—December, 56-3/4.

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**SELLING HURTS COTTON.**

Advance Wiped Out by Profit-Taking and Southern Hedging.

A rally in Liverpool helped the cotton market here to-day, the opening being firm, with the list showing gains of 4 to 12 points. There was considerable early buying by traders who went short late yesterday. The advance, however, soon disappeared under heavy profit-taking operations and selling for Southern account on hedges. Some brokers felt that pressure was coming from bear sources, possibly Wall Street.

The opening prices were: October, 8.90 to 10.00; November, 8.90 to 10.00; December, 10.00 to 10.10; January, 10.10 to 10.20; March, 10.20 to 10.30; May, 10.30 to 10.40; July, 10.40 to 10.50; September, 10.50 to 10.60; November, 10.60 to 10.70; December, 10.70 to 10.80; January, 10.80 to 10.90; March, 10.90 to 11.00; May, 11.00 to 11.10; July, 11.10 to 11.20; September, 11.20 to 11.30; November, 11.30 to 11.40; December, 11.40 to 11.50; January, 11.50 to 11.60; March, 11.60 to 11.70; May, 11.70 to 11.80; July, 11.80 to 11.90; September, 11.90 to 12.00; November, 12.00 to 12.10; December, 12.10 to 12.20; January, 12.20 to 12.30; March, 12.30 to 12.40; May, 12.40 to 12.50; July, 12.50 to 12.60; September, 12.60 to 12.70; November, 12.70 to 12.80; December, 12.80 to 12.90; January, 12.90 to 13.00; March, 13.00 to 13.10; May, 13.10 to 13.20; July, 13.20 to 13.30; September, 13.30 to 13.40; November, 13.40 to 13.50; December, 13.50 to 13.60; January, 13.60 to 13.70; March, 13.70 to 13.80; May, 13.80 to 13.90; 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